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BA-1947

- 1932 SERENDIPTY - 1800 - 1810 - Glen Arm Road, west side, Glen Arm vicinity. This complex, 2-1/2 story, stone and stucco house, is not found in the 1798 tax list, but has detailing that suggests construction in the first decade of the 19th Century. Other wings were added, also in the earlier part of the century. This house belonged to Benjamin Wilson, who lived in a different house per the 1798 tax list. Serendipity was called: "Garden of Eden" in H.C. Forman's 1956 book (p. 189), but James T. Wollon's 1981 study disagrees with an 18th Century origin. This was Colonel B. Wilson's house on the 1850 map and Caleb Wilson's in the 1877 atlas. Also a barn with doubled louvered cupolas, a product of the early 20th Century, or slightly earlier. Owner: George Goeree.
- 1947 YODER FARM - 1810 - 1825 - 4603 Long Green Road, Long Green vicinity. This is a 2-1/2 story stone and stucco house built simultaneously in two sections. The main block is five-bays wide. A small porch with solid turned columns survives from the early period. Most original details survive, including central stairhall, staircase, and mantels. Henry Wilson, a prosperous farmer, left this, one of his two houses, to his son George Washington Wilson, in 1816. Dr. Wilson was a dentist. He also invited Methodists to his home for worship and later gave ground to establish Wilson M.E. Church (Site BA 862). The farm passes successively to Godlove Kane, Isaac Hertzler, and to Solomon Yoder (1854). Lewis Yoder bought the farm from the other heirs in 1880. Fine view from its ridgeline setting. Large bank barn, drive-through corn house, carriage house, and tenant house. In 1854, a limekiln stood on the premises. Owner: L. Morris Yoder.
- 2077 DR. GORSUCH HOUSE - c1878 - 12,641 Fork Road, Fork vicinity. Large, formerly vernacular farm house built after seven-way split of Charlesborough (Forkview Farm) property. From 1878 to 1932, was home of Dr. James F.H. Gorsuch and until 1938, the home of his son Judge J. Fletcher H. Gorsuch, Jr. Rendered into a larger house with columned two-story portico and Georgian interior details during 1930s, by architect James R. Edmunds, Jr. Thorough restoration in progress in 1980 under James Turner Young and Dianne Young.
- 2082 LINDEN (SITE) - Early 1800s - 9220 Belair Road, Perry Hall vicinity. This house, photographed by the WPA HABS team in the 1930's has subsequently become extinct in 1960s or earlier. A two-story frame and clapboard house of vernacular style, it had been the home of Hercules Courtenay and was shown on Sidney's 1850 map. A newer dwelling has been built here and the fields are used as a recreational center as Lassahns Field. There is still (A) CORN HOUSE, a frame and vertical board, drive-through type of farm outbuilding, located just northeast of the main dwelling, and (B) A SPRING HOUSE. Owner: Reba E. Hammond.
- 2142 MOORES ORCHARD - 1852 - 5225 Joppa Road, Perry Hall vicinity. Stone, cross-gabled house of Victorian or practically vernacular style built by John R. Moore on south side of Joppa Road. See Perry Hall, p. 22. Owner: Edward Scott Moore.
- (SITE)
- 2143 WALDMAN'S SEVEN MILE HOUSE - 1880 - 8441 Belair Road, Fullerton vicinity. Large, 3-1/2 story frame Victorian cross-gabled structure, used as road side tavern. See Perry Hall, p. 22. Also Plat Book 27:1. Opposite St. Joseph Church. ~~Demolished~~ about December, 1984.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

YODER FARM

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Long Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Long Green

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lewis E. Yoder et al

Telephone #: (301) 592-7640

STREET &amp; NUMBER

4603 Long Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Long Green

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21092

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 629 634

Folio #: 55 496

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Baltimore County Historic Sites Survey BA 1947

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning &amp; Zoning

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The YODER HOUSE is a two and one-half story stone house, finished with stucco; its principal facade is to the east. Dating from ca. 1810-1825, the house is in two sections, probably contemporaneous: a five-bay main block and a two-bay kitchen wing at the south, lengthened by a single bay of frame construction. A porch, probably original, shelters the principal front while a small portion formerly sheltering the back door of the main block is missing. The very early or original porch, with its solid turned columns, is an unusual survivor.

Within, virtually all original details remain including: the basic floor plan consisting of a central stair hall with a room on either side; the staircase; mantels; doors; wood trim throughout.

Immediately south of the dwelling house is a group of outbuildings related to the preservation and preparation of food, all of which are no later than mid-nineteenth century: a stone outkitchen having sponge-painted decoration on its interior plastered walls; a log smoke house; frame shop; and framed woodshed. Immediately north of the dwelling house is an underground stone-vaulted root cellar. The well, immediately in front of the kitchen wing, is sheltered by a large gabled roof attached to the kitchen porch.

South of the dwelling house group is a group of early farm buildings dating from no later than mid-nineteenth century, of hewn braced-frame construction: a large bank barn; a corn house consisting of cribs on either side of a driveway; a carriage house; and a tenant house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The YODER FARM is the substantial stone dwelling of a prosperous farmer dating from the early nineteenth century, ca.1810-1825, one of the oldest houses in this District. It has seen virtually no alteration and it retains almost all of its original detailing. Extensive groupings of outbuildings -- related to the preparation and preservation of food, and to farming operations -- remain as witnesses to the many which were required to support rural life.

When Henry Wilson died in 1816, he left to his son Benjamin "my old frame house and log kitchen where I formerly lived," and to his son George Washington "my now dwelling house," the present YODER house. Henry's "now" dwelling was a new house built to help accommodate his many children. G. W. Wilson was a dentist; the 1833 assessment shows that he had no livestock. His house was a meeting-place for Methodists, and when he sold the farm in 1839, he donated land for the Wilson M.E.Church (BA 862) at Long Green (then Unionville). The farm, along with additional acres of formerly Wilson land, passed into the hands of Godlove Kane who sold to Isaac Hertzler. In 1854 Solomon Yoder purchased 111 acres from Hertzler for \$5015, Hertzler reserving the right to burn lime in the Yoder kiln, and Yoder

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reserving the right to "throw" water to his house from Hertzler's spring, plus a watering-place for his stock. The location of the water identifies Hertzler's house as the present DOVECOTE FARM (BA 1942).

Solomon Yoder's will (1877, discovered after his death 1880) directs that the property be sold and the proceeds divided among his widow and seven children -- Noah, Jonas, Solomon, Moses, Eli, Lewis, and Lydia. Lewis bought the farm in, and it remains in the family.

The house, in fair condition, is located on the southeast slope of the ridge dividing Long Green Valley from Dulaney Valley, and commands a fine view to the north and east.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

125.80

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

James T. Wollon, Jr. A.I.A.; Elmer R. Haile, Jr.

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DATE

August 3, 1981

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CITY OR TOWN

Glen Arm

STATE

Maryland 21057

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